

## CAUGHT IN THE ACT

Of Stealing a Mailed Package  
From His Own Wagon.

### U. S. WAGON DRIVER ELWELL

Under Arrest for Systematically Rifling  
Mailed Packages—He Was Easily  
Caught by the Usual Decoy.

Clyde E. Elwell, driver of the mail wagon between the Union station and the postoffice was arrested yesterday owing to the skill of Postoffice Inspectors J. J. Laramore and H. E. Fritz. Elwell has been driving for some time and almost from the first day of his service complaints of missing articles of merchandise have been reported. Of late the thefts have been very numerous, and though the corps of inspectors was very busy Messrs. Laramore and Fritz were detailed on the case. By means of decoys the guilt was readily fixed on young Elwell as early as last Saturday, but as he had no idea he was being watched he was allowed to go on until yesterday, when he was caught in the very act of stealing a mailed package.

Confession His Guilt.  
A search of Elwell's room revealed about three bushels of stuff which he has taken at various times from the mail sacks. He broke down and confessed his guilt when arrested, and admitted to Commissioner McQueen of the United States court, before whom he was taken for examination. He waived examination and was held for trial at the March term of the court. Bail was fixed at \$1,000, which he was unable to give, and he went to jail. His father is also a driver of a mail wagon and was very much shocked at his son's disgrace and ruin.

Many Articles Lost.  
Many merchants in this city had lost articles sent through the mails, but Spring & Co. were probably the heaviest losers. Most of the stolen property will probably be recovered. Elwell has lived in this city but six months, having come here from Evans, Mich. He refused to make any statement to a reporter for THE HERALD as to the amount of goods stolen by him, or where they are secreted. He is but 19 years of age.

### SIX MORE FOR BELKNAP.

Improper Votes Are Found in Nearly Every Township.

Belknap gained six votes before the canvassing committee yesterday. In Plainfield he gained seven, in Cannon he lost one, in Walker he gained one and in Ada he lost one. The returns from Plainfield showed that eight people's party votes had been cast for which ballots had not been returned in the box, and consequently they were thrown out, giving Richardson a loss of eight. Mr. Turner objected to the counting of the ballots from Plainfield at all, but his objection was overruled. The official count was as follows: Plainfield—Belknap, 176; Richardson, 151; Clute, 26; not counted, 11. Belknap's gain, 7.  
Cannon—Belknap, 133; Richardson, 84; Clute, 45; not counted, 13. Richardson's gain, 1.  
Crawford—Belknap, 131; Richardson, 119; Clute, 5; not counted, 7. No alteration.  
Walker—Belknap, 161; Richardson, 214; Clute, 23; not counted, 12. Belknap's gain, 1.  
Ada—Belknap, 140; Richardson, 154; Clute, 23; not counted, 4. Richardson's gain, 1.  
In Walker three illegal ballots were thrown out, two of them being democratic and one republican. In Ada one ballot was thrown out because the inspector's initial had not been signed on the back of the ballot.

### DREARY AT THE LAKE.

Plans for Next Summer's Pleasure are Being Pushed.

Read's lake as viewed by a reporter for THE HERALD yesterday presents a greatly changed appearance from that of former winters. No pavilion graces the street railway land, instead gangs of workmen and teams are busy excavating for a new pavilion to be nearly three times as large as the old one. The new end of it will be at about on the site of the old one, but the new building will be larger and more handsome.  
The street and the lawn at the shore of the lake are being graded and when spring opens up the place will scarcely be recognizable, clothed as it will be in new garments and surrounded by new environments. The old Orashanien club house presents a dreary appearance. Where once in its front yard was a neatly kept lawn is now a weed garden, and the whole place has an air of neglect and destruction. The small boats have all been taken from the water and are turned bottom side up, while the big boats ride at anchor, just off the pier, like silent sentinels.

### KENT DIRECTORS' MEETING.

Attorney Uhl Gives Some Legal Advice to the New Officers.

A largely attended meeting of the officers and directors elected at the meeting of the members of the Kent

## Deliciousness Within the Reach of All

By the labor and ingenuity of Dr. Price, we have now before us the sweetest, freshest and most natural flavors. His Delicious Vanilla Extract surpasses in delicate flavor any other flavoring extract, while his Extracts of Lemon and Orange are really as fresh and agreeable in their flavor as the true fruits from which they are made. Any housekeeper who has once used DR. PRICE'S DELICIOUS FLAVORS in her cakes, puddings, or creams, will never return to the use of any other.

County Agricultural society during the day held in the court house yesterday morning. Among those present were Messrs. Brewer, Meech, Whitney, Uhl, Trout and Morse. Mr. Uhl was present for the purpose of giving legal advice on the coming election, which has been advertised to take place December 13. What advice was given would not be divulged by those present, and the doors were closely watched to see that no one approached, and it is that Mr. Uhl informed the directors that their election was legal, and any election held December 13 would be illegal, in his opinion. Mr. Uhl takes the ground that the custom which has prevailed for so many years in elections in this society is legal. Mr. Fletcher, the attorney for the other side of the controversy, takes the ground that all former elections were not properly held.

The law under which the society is organized says the election shall be held at the annual meeting of the society. The whole controversy is in regard to what shall be considered the annual meeting. The bylaws of the society provide that the annual meeting of the board of directors shall be held the first Tuesday after the second Monday of December. Whether this meeting should be considered as the annual meeting of the society or not is the question to be decided. While nothing definite could be learned regarding the legal movement to be made it was admitted by some of the directors that action would be taken. It is possible that the officers elected in 1891 will be enjoined from holding the election which is called to be held in W. H. Anderson's office in the Fourth National bank. Mr. Wither said the meeting held one week ago was very lively, and the resolution to have a committee appointed by Mr. Anderson to make nominations was fought bitterly by Messrs. Meech, Brewer and others because they believed he would appoint a partisan committee.

### KNIGHTS OF THE GRIP.

Post E Was Organized by Local Traveling Men Last Night.

Last night about fifty traveling men assembled in parlor B of the Morton house, and formed Post E of the Michigan Knights of the Grip.

The following officers were elected: President, W. Y. Barclay; vice president, R. Hanna; secretary, L. A. Caro; treasurer, J. H. Dawley. Directors: W. H. Jennings; C. L. Lawton; Herbert Baker, B. J. Van Luwen, W. F. Blake, J. B. Tawner and D. S. Haugh.

E. C. Groesbeck, L. M. Mills, J. L. Streletsky, H. N. Raymond and Herbert Baker were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the post to go to Detroit to attend the annual convention and banquet of knights of the grip. About \$3,000 has been raised for the meeting. Ex-Governor Luce and President Palmer, of the world's fair commission, will be present.

A vote of thanks was extended to J. Boyd Pantlind for his kindness in furnishing the post rooms in which to hold their meetings. The Michigan Tradesman was made the official organ of the post. Another meeting will be held in the Morton next Saturday night, and the reports of the committees will be read. The post starts out with a good membership, and it is hoped that most of the 500 traveling men in the city will join.

### City News in Brief.

Cards are announcing the marriage of Dr. L. L. Conkey of this city and Miss Nellie M. King of Benton Harbor. The event takes place December 7 at the residence of the bride's parents.

John Farr, Charles Breder, Peter Doran, W. F. McKnight and J. M. Weston went to Detroit yesterday to attend the Dickinson reception.

A tiny four page eight column weekly paper named The School Local has made its appearance. It is published by Reno G. Hoag at 122 Monroe street in the interest of the students of the local colleges.

M. J. Dwyer of the Columbia college is visiting in Columbus, O.

The Street Railway company put several of its new motors in operation on the Wealthy avenue and Scribner street line yesterday.

The old car barns on East street have been torn down. The Cherry street cars are now switched at the end of Monroe street at the close of the day and taken over the Wealthy avenue line to the new brick barns near the city limits.

The alarm of fire at 5:30 last evening was caused by a gasoline stove explosion at No. 329 East Bridge street. No damage.

A picture trip to Alaska is to be given at Simmons' hall, South Division street and Fifth avenue, tomorrow evening under the auspices of the Universalist Sunday school, for the church furnishing fund. L. S. Provin will be the guide. Admission 15 cents.

W. J. Colvin will give twelve lectures on Theosophy on Tuesday and Thursday evening at Temple Emanuel.

The local members of the Woman's Press club were tendered the use of a box at Powers' during Rhea's engagement.

The new Butterworth avenue branch car line was started yesterday.

A. Hall and Miss Annie C. Lawson were married on Wednesday evening at No. 348 Fourth street. They commenced their married life amid congratulations of many friends.

The meeting to reorganize the Horsemen's association was postponed from last night to December 17.

Madame Rhea announced last evening that she would be glad to devote a performance to the benefit of the Michigan Woman's Press club on her next visit to Grand Rapids.

The pupils of C. M. Audersch will give piano recitals, numbers two and three, at Good Templar's hall next Thursday and Saturday evenings.

Mrs. E. R. E. Carpenter will deliver her second lecture on Wagner at the Ladies' Literary club at 3:30 p. m. tomorrow.

Miss LeGrand Pierce will go to Chicago this evening.

The local union of Christian Endeavor societies will meet at the Fountain Street church on Tuesday evening. The addresses will be by various pastors. The Fountain street society will furnish the music.

To Foreclose Two Mortgages.

E. P. Scott of Waterford, N. Y., Mary S. Scott of the same place, and Ira Scott of Lansing, executors of the will of William Scott, began a foreclosure proceeding in the circuit court to foreclose a mortgage of \$1,000 given by A. M. Underhill of Sparta and others.

Ira Scott and Mary S. Scott also began suit against C. M. Conroy of Sparta to foreclose a mortgage of \$879.21.

November Helios.

The November number of the Helios, published by the Delta chapter of the high school fraternity of Gamma Delta Psi, has been issued. Editorially it contains a plea for better facilities for physical training in the new high school. The first of a series of interesting papers by Prof. John W. Matthews on general sciences in the lower grades is published in this number. The design for the cover, the basis of which is the main arch of the new high school building, was made by Miss Cora Cady, a former student. In the Christmas number of the Helios something out of the ordinary is promised.

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### WILL BUILD A FENCE.

Session of the Board of Public Works Held Yesterday.

The petition of several residents on Rural street to have the water main in Lake avenue extended 400 feet to Rural street was tabled until spring by the board of public works yesterday, but the matter will be taken up early in the spring. The following bills were allowed:

Hersey Manufacturing Co. \$195 75  
Leonard & Ellis 46 80  
Crawford Electric Light Co. 4 20  
C. R. & I. R. R. Co. 130 20  
Brown & Seiler 2 50  
W. T. Powers & Sons 242 85  
L. L. Laumiere 17 00  
D. W. Boyce 63 00  
S. L. Baldwin 37 00  
G. M. Clutney 27 50  
M. V. Curtis 8 75  
R. R. Haylett 57 50

Residents on Wells street asked to be allowed to lay four-foot walks instead of five-foot, as their street is narrow and short. The request was granted.

W. T. Powers & Son were granted an estimate of \$1,000 for the pump house contract. Mr. Guest, residing on Lake street, complained of the proposed grade line which would cut in front of his home about ten feet, leaving him with no possible way to get in with coal and wood. He said if the grade were made along his line of watches, chains, diamonds, opera glasses, clocks, silverware, etc. Now is the time to select your Christmas presents, while the assortments are full. No one questions the reliability of this long established house. By paying a small cash deposit goods will be reserved.

### DID NOT SEE THE COMET.

Sky-Gazers of This City Were Disappointed Last Night.

Thus far Bielax's comet has been hailed in the papers by the telegraph editors only, but it has approached so rapidly that last night local reporters were detailed to look after it. The comet was to have been visible to the naked eye, and perhaps would have been had not the clouds so obscured the heavens. Everybody in the city had, of course, heard that the comet was due, and groups of anxious watchers could be seen on nearly every doorstep, gazing toward the zenith in the vain hope of catching a momentary glimpse of the monster through a rift in the rapidly flying clouds. On clear nights it has been seen through the large telescope in the Western Michigan college. On the first clear night the instrument will be taken out on the lawn, and the public will be invited to view the comet through it. Tonight if the weather is fair and the sky is clear thousands will watch for the heavenly straggler.

### ALL HIS OWN FAULT.

Finding of the Jury on the Death of Jerome Houghtaling.

An inquest on the body of Joseph Houghtaling, who died in St. Mark's home Thursday evening from injuries received at the G. R. & I. freight house on November 17, was held in the coronor's court in the county building yesterday morning. The testimony showed that the car which crushed his legs had not stood on the track more than a half hour and that he crawled under the car while drunk. A train of cars was pushed against the car driving it over his legs. Although the freight house was filled with men and three men were inside the car working, no one saw Houghtaling. The conductor of the train saw his legs protrude before the car was struck and tried to reach him in time to prevent the accident but failed. No blame was attached to the railroad employees as the evidence showed that Houghtaling was very drunk.

### ANOTHER BYRON SQUABBLE.

John Franz, a Wealthy Byron Farmer, Accused of Slander.

John Franz was arrested on a capias in Byron township yesterday, sworn out by Mathias Miller, a brother-in-law of Franz. Last spring Franz's house was burned, and it is claimed that Franz told the story that Miller set the house on fire. Affidavits accompanying the writ set forth that Franz has circulated other stories detrimental to the good name of Miller.

### Suit Suffers From Snakes.

Harry Newhouse, the man who jumped from a window at St. Mark's hospital Friday, is in jail suffering terribly from delirium tremens. The wood carvers found that he was not in good standing in their union, and did not belong to his home. The members of the masonic order are looking after him closely. If they find he is in good standing they will send him home to Pullman.

### Won't Help Upman.

There was some talk among local traveling men last night of raising \$400 to square John Upman's shortage with the Muskegon Cracker company. The case comes for trial tomorrow at Muskegon. Most of the boys declared that they were willing to do anything to aid Upman's family, but did not feel willing to do more for him as this is his third offense.

### Will Learn His Duties.

County Clerk-elect Eddy will retain Deputy Clerk Carpenter for some time after he assumes charge on account of Mr. Carpenter's long experience in the office and courts. The decision will be very satisfactory to the attorneys. Mr. Eddy will take a subordinate position in the office next month, so as to learn his new duties.

### Burial Permits.

Charles Telrow, age 67 years, No. 216 Clancy street, Valley City; Alice Connelly, age 74 years, Grand Rapids township, St. Andrew's.

### A Desirable Gift.

Now is the accepted time to select a Christmas gift. The stores are crowded with people making selections from the different stocks. Julius A. J. Friedrich, Nos. 30 and 32 Canal street, is receiving his share of the patrons desiring to select gifts for Christmas, and from present indications this season's holiday trade with him will be larger than any for some years past. His large music emporium is well filled with a varied and choice line of instruments and musical sundries, most of which was especially selected for the holiday trade. Mr. Friedrich's agent for several of the best makes of pianos and organs in the country, and almost any day one will find people looking

and selecting from Mr. Friedrich's immense stock, a piano or organ that on Christmas day will make glad some heart.

### Flatteringly Endorsed.

ELMIRA, N. Y., March 4, 1892.

Mr. F. J. Loudin, Manager Fox Jubilee Singers.

Dear Sir:—The delight afforded me by your concert in my church last evening is beyond expression. I am sure the audience, which filled the house, including galleries, participated in this unfeigned praise. The music was well kept in tune. I congratulate you on the high grade, both as to ability and selection, which you and your troupe have attained. I hope for the pleasure of hearing you again.

Yours very truly,

C. L. WILBOR.

Pastor First M. E. Church.

Hartman's hall tomorrow (Monday) night, November 28. Admission 25 cents; reserved seats, 50 cents.

### Oh! Dear, Oh! Dear.

Such was the explanation heard often yesterday in front of Justus Hartman's. The words came from the lips of the many dear little creatures that passed the place of business. As they passed by they gathered their dear little skirts closer about them, looked to the right or left, ejaculated "Oh! dear, Oh! dear!" and passed rapidly up or down the street. The cause of all these exclamations were the carcasses of many deer that lay on the sidewalk. Detenthaaler has just received a number of deer which will be glorious news to those that love a choice cut of venison.

### Now Is the Time.

One of the prettiest sights on the streets is the display of Christmas novelties made by E. J. Hervey, No. 6 Canal street. Mr. Hervey has the finest assortment this season he has ever exhibited. It will be of interest to any one to examine his line of watches, chains, diamonds, opera glasses, clocks, silverware, etc. Now is the time to select your Christmas presents, while the assortments are full. No one questions the reliability of this long established house. By paying a small cash deposit goods will be reserved.

### Going to Kalamazoo.

Miss A. Z. Straight will go to Kalamazoo Monday, to conduct her first opening in that city. Owing to her engagements here she was unable to go on the date previously announced. She will be accompanied by her assistants and Madame Lovejoy and assistant, who will entertain the Kalamazoo ladies with some of their beautiful musical instruments.

Furniture of every description; high class work; manufacturers' prices.

NELSON, MATTER & CO., 33 to 39 Canal street.

### Locke Richardson's Recital of Dickens' "Christmas Carol."

"Christmas Carol" will be given at Hartman Hall December 1st.

Wade's Metropolitan Stars at Powers' opera house Wednesday evening. Go and hear them.

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No Sleepers via D. L. & N.

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One-half off sale on fancy feathers will continue this week at Cori, Knott & Co's.

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**MORSE'S**  
**DEPARTMENT STORE**  
MONROE AND SPRING STREETS.

What is going on in the city today?

Regular religious services.  
Y. M. C. A. meeting at 4:00.  
Gospel temperance meeting at 8:30.

What is going on at Morse's today?

Half price sale of Soaps.  
Bargains in many lines.

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We never have good luck unless we begin the week by giving away something. We shall start in this week. We must help the ladies out in the matter of washing. Kirk's Laundry Soap, full pound bars, Monday only for 4c. Other dealers charge 6c for this popular soap. Isn't this a good deal like finding money?

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We shall hold a special sale in Blankets and Rugs this week. Don't miss it.

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We are arranging our holiday goods, and there's going to be something for everybody.

100 Books picked up during the summer at great bargains for the holidays. Look at them.

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Everything in Roger's Plated Ware for the holidays at one-third less than jeweler's charge you.